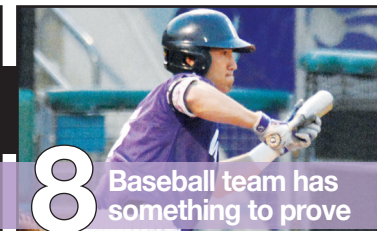


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**4** K-State faculty share their love stories

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## Wildcat sweethearts celebrate love

 BY MAKENZIE DEINES  
THE COLLEGIAN

Cards, roses and chocolate, oh my! Kelly Kristiansen is overjoyed to spend another day with her best friend, Mason Oberheu. Kristiansen, junior in secondary education, and Oberheu, junior in mechanical engineering, met their freshmen year at K-State in the Van Zile dining center.

As Oberheu reminisces, he remembers his first thought of Kristiansen: "tall." The truth is, it wasn't love at first sight for the couple. Rain did not fall, and dramatic music did not play as it would in a Nicolas Sparks movie. The two met through mutual friends, so they ended up having lunch together at the dining center. It was immediately obvious to Oberheu that she was caring, weird and intelligent.

"I say weird, but she's no weirder than me ... it's a compliment, I promise," Oberheu said.

There were a couple minor setbacks: Oberheu was just beginning his marching band career and, most importantly, Kristiansen had a boyfriend. While Kristiansen and Oberheu developed a friendship, Kristiansen and her boyfriend ended theirs. Kristiansen admits that once her first relationship ended, she had no desire to have another boyfriend. Although, she did not anticipate the significance of Oberheu in her life.

Hannah Martin, junior in secondary education and friend of the couple, said she was actually shocked when Kristiansen sent her a text over spring break that said, "I think I like Mason."

"As time's proven though, they do make sense together," Martin said. "That's what I admire about them."

Once the two returned from spring break, Oberheu built up the courage and asked Kristiansen, "Should we just make this official?"

Two years later, Kristiansen and Oberheu are officially in love. The secret to their commitment is that the two are just best friends. Kristiansen said one of her favorite things to do with Mason is simple: watching Netflix.

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"CUTE COUPLE"

## Truman nominee focuses on service-oriented leadership

 BY BRIDGET BERAN  
THE COLLEGIAN

Dedicated, selfless, driven and genuine were the words that first came to mind for those who know Garrett Kays, junior in agricultural economics. Kays, student senator and legislative assistant for the Governmental Relations Office at K-State, was recently selected as one of K-State's nominees for the prestigious Truman Scholarship.

Each year, K-State nominates a select few students deemed outstanding by their professors and peers with an interest in public service for the Truman Scholarship. K-State is allowed to nominate up to four students to compete against over 600 students from around the U.S.

While his godmother Diane Johnson, executive director of the Livestock Publications Council, said that he used to be a shy child, she said it's clear Kays has come out of his shell.

"His mom would always want to get pictures of him every time I saw them," Johnson said. "And he was so cute because he would always do what his mom said but as he got older, he and I got closer and now we do a bear hug every time we get to see each other. Now he's just so friendly; how can you not like Garrett Kays? He's so easy to like."

His ease with people brought him to join Alpha Gamma Rho, his older brother's fraternity, where he became friends with Logan Britton, senior in agricultural economics.

"He's a very selfless person," Britton said. "He doesn't like to talk about himself. I've really enjoyed getting to know



CASSANDRA NGUYEN | THE COLLEGIAN

One of K-State's nominees for the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship, **Garrett Kays**, junior in agricultural economics, has always had passion for agricultural production since he was a child. Years ago, when he received red cowboy boots as a gift, it became a symbolic object that would remind him of his roots (agriculture) every day.

him and watch him grow here at K-State."

That being said, his growth as a person began before he came to K-State. Johnson said his parents raised Kays with strong family values, and taught him to work hard and do things for himself.

According to Kays, Monica Murnan, who ran a program at St. Mary's-Colgan High School, taught him to open his horizons and interact with different kinds of people. He also credited Chuck Smith, his high school football coach, with helping him develop into the person he is today.

"I can't remember how many times — whenever he had the opportunity to talk about football — that he'd talk about his players becoming better gentlemen, becoming better Catholics, becoming better community servants," Kays said of the coach who had been with St. Mary's-Colgan for 27 years. "Sometimes during summer weights, we wouldn't even do weights. We would go and pick up trash at the cemetery. He taught me about being a good football player and being a good competitor, but he taught me the most about being a gentleman

and being a good contributing member of the community."

Contributing to the community spilled over into every aspect of Kays' life. From serving as an Ag Ambassador to serving in the Student Governing Association, Kays has devoted his time at K-State to serving others. This is something he said he hopes to continue with after graduation.

Kays wrote his policy proposal for the Truman scholarship about the things he hopes to achieve long term.

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"TRUMAN"


CHLOE CREAGER | THE COLLEGIAN

U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp speaks during the Fort Riley community listening session in Junction City on Monday.

## Community expresses support for Big Red One at listening session

 BY CHLOE CREAGER  
THE COLLEGIAN

Junction City's Convention Center overflowed with citizens filling the 1,200 seats and lining the walls of the meeting room of the Fort Riley community listening session on Monday.

The session was the next phase in line of the Army Force Structure and Stationing Decision process of the military sequestration. The sequestration could reduce the number of U.S. troops by around 125,000, according to numbers stated by Army Brig. Gen. Roger Cloutier Jr. during the session.

The session was held to give Cloutier and other army of-

ficials a personal perspective on Fort Riley and its soldiers and residents, as well as to listen to the input of those affected before official decisions are made about military personnel cuts. The official announcements on the amount of people cut are expected to be made in time for fiscal year 2016-17.

"The full trajectory of sequestration ... those are big numbers and not something we take lightly," Cloutier said. "I can tell you no decisions have been made. There are a lot of processes that are ongoing ... your voices matter. So, we're here tonight to listen, to hear your voice and carry that back to the senior leaders of the army."

Presenters at the session highlighted benefits of the

community around Fort Riley, ranging from tangible services to the atmosphere surrounding it. Legislators such as Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts, U.S. Republican Sen. Jerry Moran, U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins and U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo also voiced their support.

"(Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan) said he was always happy to land in Kansas City," Roberts said during the session. "Then, he would come to Topeka and the air would get a little cleaner, and he'd get to Manhattan with sort of a purple haze, and then he would get to Junction City, and he said, 'That's when I knew I was in real Kansas and I was back in America.'"

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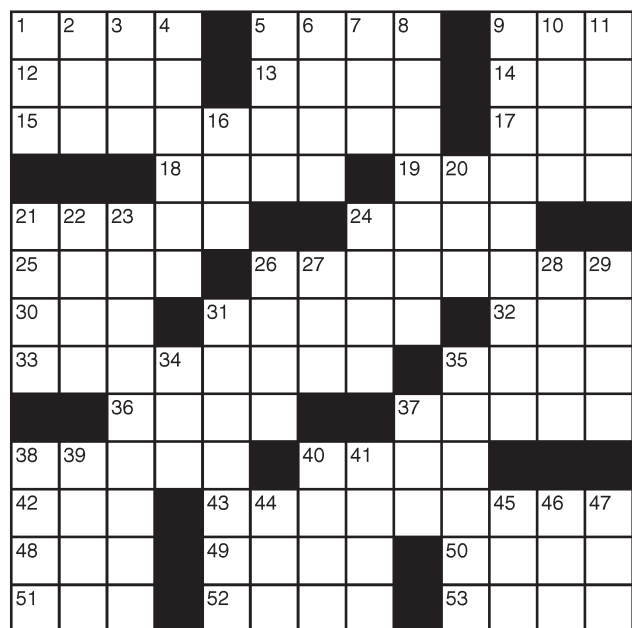
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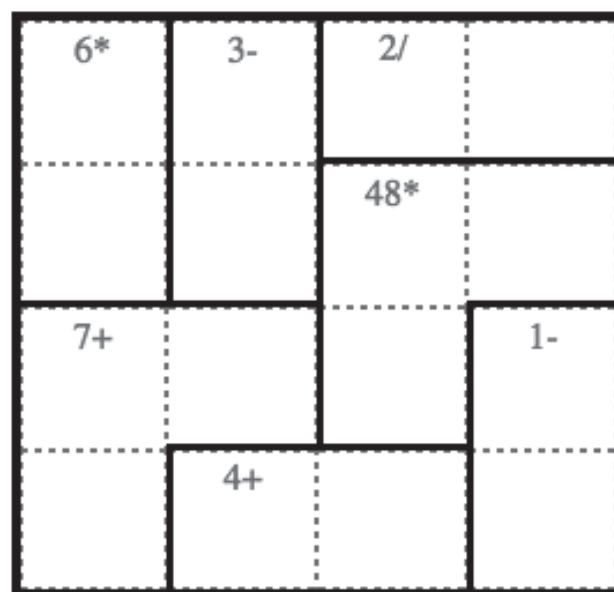
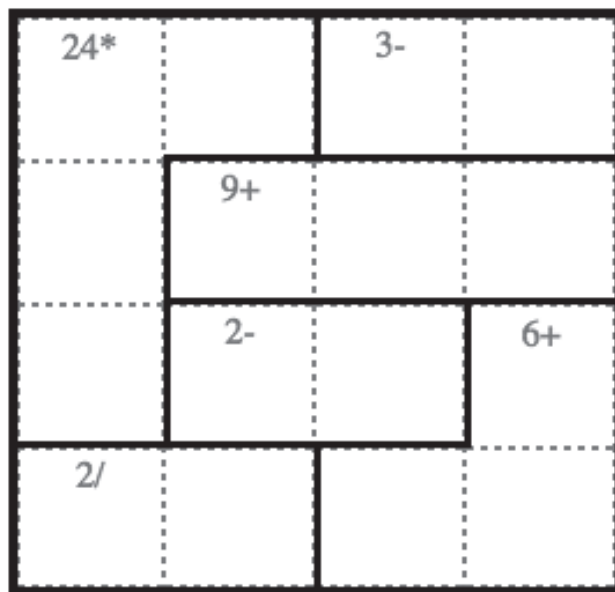


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# Lecture calls for leveling education playing field

NICHOLAS CADY | THE COLLEGIAN

Geoffrey Canada delivers a keynote speech on the advancement of black education Monday in the K-State Student Union ballroom.

## TRUMAN | Former scholarship recipient inspires Kays to reach for prestigious award

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“My policy proposal is regarding U.S. agriculture aid programs,” Kays said. “Currently, we spend about \$2.2 billion in (agricultural) aid across the world. Problem is in a short run, this has no positive implications other than making sure people are nourished for a short period of time. We’re giving people a fish, but not teaching them how to fish.”

After pursuing a doctoral degree, Kays said he hopes to work for the U.S. Agency for International Development, which oversees the Feed the Future Initiative. The initiative is based around doing research for agriculture in impoverished countries at land-grant universities. The subject hits close to home for Kays, as four of the initiative’s 24 labs are located at K-State. Kays said he hopes to see the program use local and regional goods instead of shipping goods abroad to help solve short and long-term problems in the 19 focus countries.

“I want to be part of the decisions that help form agricultural aid policy across the world,” Kays said. “I see an opportunity to make it more

effective and efficient with U.S. taxpayer dollars, as well as solving issues with food and security.”

His passion for problem solving was ignited by a Pre-K agricultural literacy program that Kays and his older brother Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, started to teach 3-5 year olds about agricultural basics.

“He’s very much about public service and making as big of an impact as he can,” Reagan Kays said. “He’s very service-oriented. He’s way more than me; he wants to be a public servant and change the world. He doesn’t settle with things. If he thinks something needs to be changed, he’ll make the steps to change it.”

Garrett Kays’ desire to apply for a national competitive scholarship began early on when a student from a neighboring town that had been destroyed by a tornado was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship.

“I remember on my campus tour, I walked by the plaques that they have on the left there at Hale Library,” Garrett Kays said. “I saw his picture on the wall of Rhodes and Truman recipients and I thought to myself, ‘I want to be on that wall.’

I saw this guy from my home county, a guy who probably showed at the same county fair that I did, and was involved in rural and agricultural activities received this prestigious award so even before I came to K-State, applying for these national scholarships had piqued my interest.”

An award of this caliber is no small feat, but his friends and family believe there is nothing he can’t do. Reagan Kays said he feels that his younger brother’s passion, patience and selflessness make him an ideal candidate. For Britton, the maturity and dedication that Garrett Kays brings to the table is what sets him apart from the rest.

“In Weir, Kansas, nobody thinks that they can take their interests to a national level,” Garrett Kays said. “To me, winning the Truman would show that no matter where you come from, you can make a difference.”

This is part one of a four-part series on the Truman nominees.

## Gone Fishing

Students present research at annual event

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

The third annual Midwest Fisheries Student Colloquium was held Friday and Saturday at the Konza Prairie Biological Station. The colloquium is hosted annually by the K-State Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society. The American Fisheries Society is a national group, and K-State has its own subunit made up of graduate and undergraduate students. According to the society’s Web site, its mission is to “improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems.” The society accomplishes this goal by promoting events for students across the U.S. who are interested in or are studying fish or aquatic science. The colloquium is meant to attract students attending universities around the Midwest who are studying fish or aquatic ecosystems. Joe Gerken, president of the K-State group and graduate student in biology said the purpose of the colloquium is to further the professional development of students studying fisheries at K-State and other Midwestern universities. There were 45 students who attended from Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas. “Friday night consisted of a meal, social and poster session,” said Andrea Severson, secretary and treasurer of the K-State group and graduate student in fisheries. Gerken said the purpose of the social was to engage the students in an informal environment to build professional relationships with one another.

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## Former K-State linebacker appointed to CFB Playoff selection committee

Texas Tech athletic director and former K-State linebacker Kirby Hocutt has been appointed to the College Football Playoff selection committee, according to the Little Apple Post.

Hocutt will replace former West Virginia athletic director, Oliver Luck, who accepted a position with the NCAA. Hocutt was a linebacker for K-State from 1991-94. Hocutt was appointed as

the athletic director at Texas Tech after stints at Ohio University and Miami. Hocutt was nominated by Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby and approved by the playoff management committee.

## Kays and Kennedy’s Lifeline 911 plans closer to fruition

Kansas lawmakers introduced bills last week that would provide minors in certain situations immunity from charges including possession and consumption of alcohol, according to a SGA press release on Monday.

H.R. 2198 and S-133, are designed to allow minors to seek medical attention if they or an acquaintance are at a risk of

alcohol poisoning. To be eligible, minors must initiate contact and cooperate with law enforcement at the scene, among other stipulations.

“My hope is the passage of the Lifeline 911 legislation encourages a friend to call the police and prevent a tragic loss of life,” said supporter of the bills Rep. Tom Phillips, R-District 67, in the press release. “Under-

age drinking and binge drinking are occurring at increasingly early ages. We must create a sense of urgency in young people to call for help, and not fear of being prosecuted for underage consumption.”

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## Ruth & Stephen Dyer

*"Live with passion, love with abandon and dance like there's no tomorrow at all."*

**1968** ▶

**Summer:** Steve and Ruth met each other for the first time, on a mountaintop, in Glorieta, New Mexico. Steve had finished his junior year at Topeka High School. Ruth had just graduated from Cordell High School, in Oklahoma. Ruth was the maid where Steve and friends were lodging for a week. The two chatted, but they didn't know they'd ever see each other again.

**1970** ▶

**Mid-January:** Steve asked Ruth to marry him. Ruth said, "Maybe, someday." Ruth's dad said, "NO!"

**Spring Semester:** Steve and Ruth went to different schools (although Steve spent as much time on the road and at OBU as he did at K-State — and his grades showed it).

**Summer:** Ruth asked her dad to transfer to K-State. Ruth's dad said, "NO!"

**August:** Steve transferred to OBU. Ruth's dad said, "Oh, NO!"

**October:** Steve proposed marriage to Ruth (again) and presented her with an engagement ring. Ruth said "Yes." Ruth's dad said, "Ruth, I'm breaking your dinner plate!" (Translation: Once you get married, you're on your own, financially. Don't expect any money from me.)

**December:** Ruth asked her dad to transfer to K-State. Her dad cried, "UNCLE!"

**1969** ▶

**August:** Ruth's family moved to Topeka. Steve and Ruth met once again, in the church parking lot. Ruth then left to begin her sophomore year in chemistry at Oklahoma Baptist University. Steve left to begin his freshman year at K-State.

**Thanksgiving:** Steve and Ruth met next — and had their first hayrack ride together — during Thanksgiving break, in Topeka.

**Post-Thanksgiving:** Steve sent his first handwritten letter (of hundreds) to Ruth, this one requesting tutoring in chemistry upon Ruth's next trip home to Topeka.

**December:** Steve and Ruth went on their first almost-real date — a caroling party on a cold, snowy night. Steve engaged in his first act of chivalry, picking Ruth off the ground after she fell on her "ice."

**1971** ▶

**Spring Semester:** Ruth attended K-State, studying biochemistry. Steve lived in Topeka, working full-time. They spent their weekends together. Steve commented to Ruth that driving 120 miles round-trip to see her was better than driving 610 miles round-trip, as previously.

**May:** Steve and Ruth were married in Topeka. Steve said, "I do." Ruth said, "I do." Ruth's dad said, "I now pronounce you husband and wife," as he was the minister who married them. Steve and Ruth lived happily ever after.

**1983** ▶

**April:** After receiving various job offers from K-State over a three-year period, Steve and Ruth finally decided to accept faculty positions, move back to Manhattan from Kentucky, and enjoy K-State once again for a few years (it's now 32 years later).

**June:** Steve and Ruth pulled into Manhattan with their 2-year-old son and a second son in utero, ready to begin work during the fall as assistant professors of electrical engineering. They lived happily ever after some more.

## Faculty love stories

*K-state faculty couples share the stories of their romances through the years*



## Stacy & Shawn Hutchinson

*"While neither of us was born in Kansas, it has been our home for many years ... and we DEFINITELY bleed purple!"*

**1991** ▶

Shawn and Stacy met at the Corp of Engineering Army Officer Basic Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After surviving 16 weeks of training, Shawn was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas and Stacy was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

**1996** ▶

After another 1.5 years, Shawn decided to resign from the army and begin graduate school in geography at K-State. They both completed their M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from K-State: Shawn in geography and Stacy in civil engineering.

**Fall:** Shawn proposed to Stacy at a K-State football game. He hired a small plane to fly a huge banner that read, "Stacy — will you marry me?" ... but he never actually asked her, he just pointed as he choked up ... and then Stacy choked up! She didn't say anything right away either. She just hugged him and, after a bit, he asked, "You did mean yes, right?"

**1994** ▶

After 3.5 years of service, Stacy resigned from the army and moved to Manhattan to be with Shawn. Since there were not a lot of opportunities for environmental engineers in Manhattan at the time, Stacy started graduate school in civil engineering at K-State.

**2000** ▶

Shawn and Stacy return to K-State as part of the Biological and Agricultural Engineering faculty after a two-year stint in Athens, Georgia.

**2001** ▶

Shawn started as a visiting professor in geography and was hired on full-time a year later.



## Shelli & Steve Starrett

*"We love to play bluegrass and old-time gospel music. Shelli plays the upright bass and I play the mandolin."*

**1981** ▶

Shelli and Steve started dating a long time ago. They were in high school. Steve didn't have a driver's license yet, and Shelli had to drive them on their first date.

**1986** ▶

Shelli and Steve got married after Steve's freshman year in college. Shelli had finished her sophomore year. Steve was still a teenager.

**1994** ▶

Shelli and Steve started working at K-State.

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## Married students say Valentine's Day is more romantic post-wedding

By JAMIE TEIXEIRA  
THE COLLEGIAN

Valentine's Day is clouded by the movie-esque flowers, chocolates and teddy bears; but underneath it all, married couples partake in the celebration a little bit differently.

"We never really celebrated it when we dated," said Heidi Floyd, senior in theater who has been married to her husband Dillon Floyd for three years. "Since married, we try to find ways to make it different or special."

Brett Eichman, senior in music education, and his wife, Emilyjane Eichman, will be celebrating their first Valentine's Day as a married couple this year. Both couples said they believe that though the day itself may seem "old," the romance of it never dies out.

"It's more romantic,"

Floyd said. "When you're married, you know you're going to be together anyway; it's more about how you spend that time."

Heidi Floyd said her and her husband don't like to go out and splurge on a "fancy" dinner date or on ridiculous gifts.

"We decided against surprises," Heidi Floyd said. "I pick something out and he will buy it, and vice versa; we know what we are going to get but it's something we want."

Heidi Floyd and her husband are not the only unusual gift givers. The Eichmans chose to spend less on a present because the time together is what really matters.

"We haven't been in the same (place) before; we wouldn't go on typical dates because we wanted to talk," Brett Eichman said. "We're in the same town now so we see each other all the time now,

but that time is still precious."

The gifts and date night plans might seem like a typical Valentine's Day for other long-term couples, but the Eichmans and Floyds feel the difference.

"We know what we are getting, but we also know the person better," Heidi Floyd said. "Several years now he's brought me Skittles because they are my favorite."

Outsiders might say the couples don't care as much, since they aren't buying lavish presents or taking their loved one on expensive dinner dates. Still, these married pairs understand the sacrifices necessary to preserve a marriage.

"I don't mind going over the top for presents because I know she will be around," Brett Eichman said. "But this is a our first year married, so we made a pact not to go crazy. We're still in college, too."

The newlyweds are not

alone in their conscious efforts to not spend money wildly. After more than 17 years of marriage, Joe Sutliff Sanders, associate professor of English, and his wife know that there are differences in the holiday when it comes to gifts.

"First of all, you have to remember that when married it's all the same money," Sanders said. "When you're single it's significant because you sacrifice your own money. But if I spend \$10,000 on a ring, she wouldn't enjoy it because it's her money too."

The Floyds said they agreed that money can be tight when getting married in college, but they don't let that stop them.

"When you're dating you can do little stuff, but together we make more (money)," Heidi Floyd said. "It's not so much about what we spend but that we get to spend the day together."

## CUTEST COUPLE | Demanding schedules do not get in way of appreciating each other

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The two have very demanding schedules, even more so now than when they were freshmen. Their busy lives, however, do not affect their feelings for one another.

"A day doesn't go by that we don't say 'I love you' to each other," Oberheu said.

Despite their differing campus involvement, the two still prioritize making time for one another. They both agree that communication is key.

"Kelly has helped me share what I am thinking, and she is always there for me to talk out my problems," Oberheu said.

That being said, Kristiansen and Oberheu do not agree on everything. Their main source of problems lies in the kitchen.

"He cooks the wrong way," Kristiansen said. "Well, neither of us are the best cooks."

On the other hand, Mason says Kristiansen does not know how to make mac 'n cheese correctly.

Martin describes the duo as an old married couple, not because of their bickering in the kitchen, but because they are so lovingly comfortable with each other.

Kristiansen's friend Morgan Wills, senior in political science, said it is inspiring that Kristiansen is the same person when she is Wills' friend and when she is Oberheu's girlfriend.

Oberheu said his relationship with Kristiansen has only impacted his life positively, making him happier. The two depend on each other through various circumstances.

"I know Kelly has my back and I have hers," Oberheu said. "She is the master of making me smile. My relationship with Kelly has made my experience at K-State incredible."

Kristiansen encourages others to find someone who shares your values and aspirations.

"You need to be with someone who challenges you to be the best version of yourself and that person needs to help you get there," Kristiansen said. "Mason does that for me."

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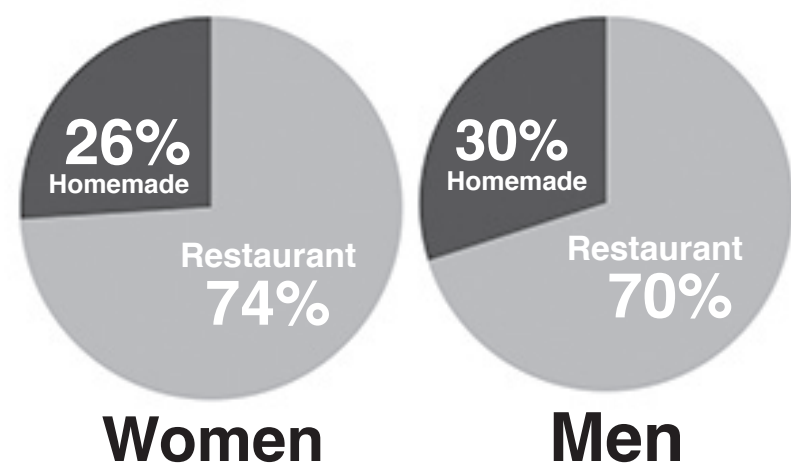
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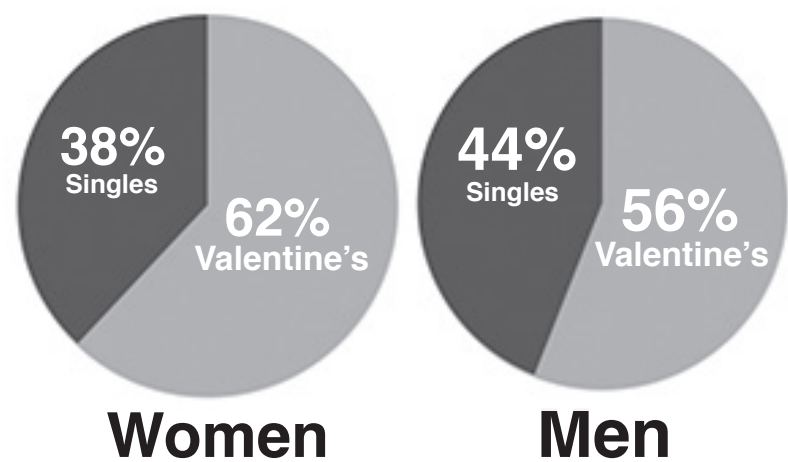
# Students share Valentine’s Day beliefs

A Valentine's Day survey given to 100 people (50 men and 50 women) all across campus

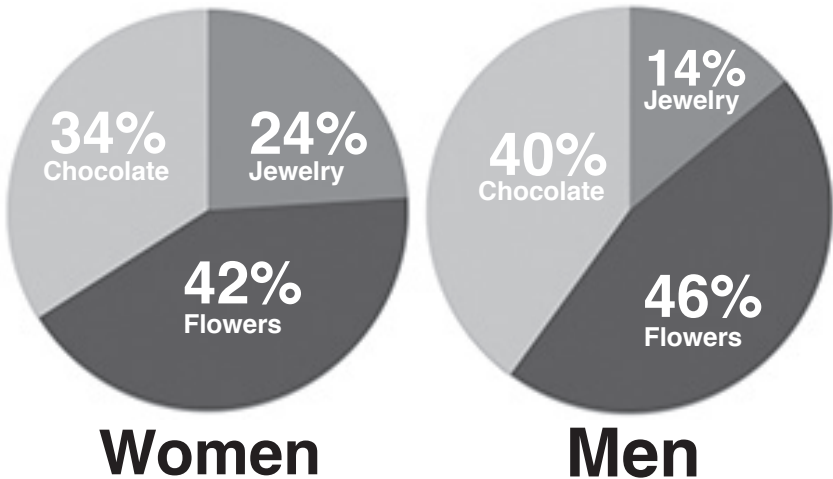
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2. Will you be celebrating Valentine's Day or Singles Awareness Day this year?



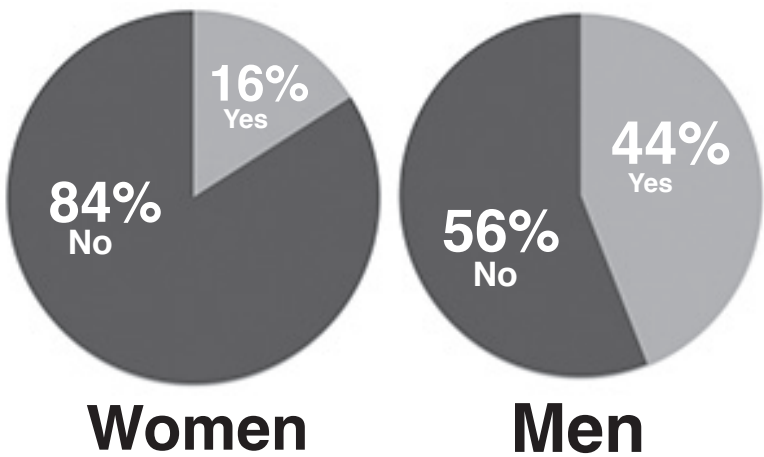
3. What is the best Valentine’s Day gift: chocolate, jewelry or flowers?



"I will be celebrating Manli-tine's Day. There is going to be a lot of firearms, steak and movies."

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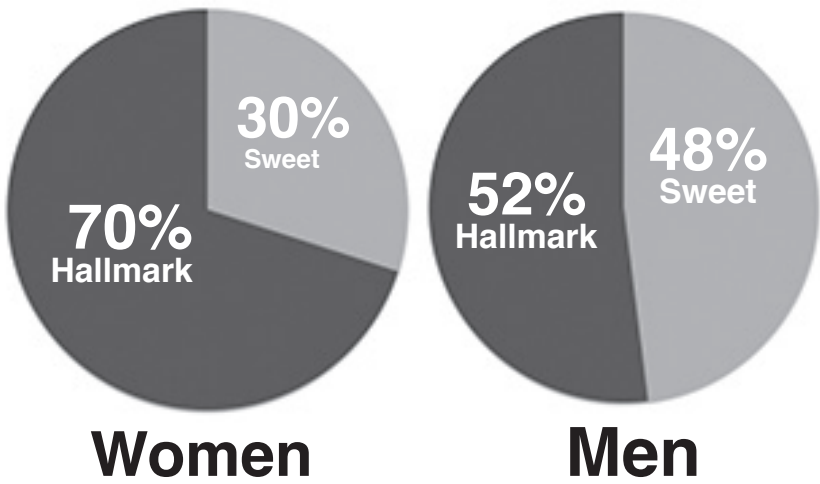
4. Would you ever go on a blind date on Valentine’s Day?



"I’m going to go with secret option D: teddy bear."

MICHAEL TRAN  
SOPHOMORE, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

5. Do you think of Valentine's Day as sweet and romantic, or as just another Hallmark Holiday?



"I’m going to say sweet and romantic, because you should have days like that."

KRYSTAL GEE  
SENIOR, HUMAN RESOURCES

"My dad works for Hallmark, so this is a tough one. But I’m going to have to say sweet and romantic."

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## From the President’s Desk



REAGAN KAYS  
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Dear K-Staters,

First off, I want to thank all of you who helped to black out Bramlage on Saturday – despite the tough loss, it was great to see the stands full and hear the

noise of the crowd.

It’s been a crazy week in higher education. The state legislature announced that K-State’s funding will be cut to help balance the state budget. This will affect the programs and services K-State will be able to offer, particularly during the summer months. The fact that these cuts come eight months into the fiscal year is a curveball, but the University Budget Committee will meet on Friday to determine the best course of action moving forward.

Today, student leaders from SGA and other campus entities will travel to the capitol for State Higher Ed Day, where we’ll advocate on your behalf for issues important to Kan-

sas students. We’ll be joined in Topeka by students from all five other state universities and Washburn University. We’ll be lobbying on behalf of a continuation of current higher education funding levels (before last week’s cuts), a sales tax rebate on the purchase of required textbooks, and the Lifeline 911 bills that began as the #YourLife platform in our campaign last spring.

Bills were recently introduced to the state House and Senate that would make Lifeline 911, which grants immunity from charges like minor in possession of alcohol for underage drinkers who seek medical attention for themselves or an acquaintance, a state law. The

student body president at KU, Morgan Said, and I will testify before the House and Senate’s respective Judiciary Committees on behalf of the bills, and other student representatives will speak with legislators. This initiative has been a major focus of our time in office, but it’s worth a year of our time if this legislation saves even a single life. Students shouldn’t have to pay the ultimate price just for making a poor choice.

The sales tax rebate and higher education funding continuance initiatives will help keep your education affordable. We all have to buy textbooks for classes, and they’re a hefty investment that keep climbing in cost. Reducing the cost of

this necessary purchase won’t just help students save a little money, it can even help local businesses stay competitive in a market that is increasingly dominated by big ticket, online retailers.

Finally, funding higher education is a great investment of our tax dollars – it’s been shown that for every dollar of taxpayer funding, Kansas Board of Regents institutions generated \$11.94 of economic return. Furthermore, counties with a KBOR institution experienced higher rates of growth in the job market. Keeping our funding stable will help our universities to continue to provide quality educations.

Finally, I’d like to thank

everyone who participated in SGA Hears You Week last week. We love working with students to make K-State the best it can be, and we always welcome your feedback and advice. Please consider running for a position in SGA for the upcoming term; the filing deadline is this Friday!

Have a great week, and, as always, go Cats!

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## Street Talk

compiled by Nicholas Cady

Q: “What celebrity would you accept a marriage proposal from and why?”



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SOPHOMORE,  
CIVIL ENGINEERING

“I pick Hugh Jackman, because he’s attractive, manly and – most important of all – he’s Wolverine!”



ABIGAIL AGNEW,  
SOPHOMORE,  
MARKETING

“Daniel Radcliffe, because I think he would make a lot of puns, and I happen to be a sucker for that.”



HOPE ABARR  
JUNIOR,  
FAMILY STUDIES

“Joseph Gordon-Levitt, because he’s adorable and seems like he’d be very interesting to be married to.”



GARY HADACHEK  
SOPHOMORE,  
MASS COMMUNICATION

“Zoey Deschanel, because we are both extroverts so we would definitely have a happy, healthy marriage.”



KARLA WASINGER  
FRESHMEN, MANAGEMENT  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

“Justin Timberlake, because it’s Justin Timberlake and how could anyone ever turn down a marriage proposal from J.T.?”



## FORT RILEY | Educational institutions promote military resources, services

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The community presentation began with the Kansas National Guard and its benefits, such as its Maneuver and Training Equipment Site at Fort Riley and the Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range at Salina. Gov. Sam Brownback also expressed his vocal support for Kansas' military.

Pre-college academic

achievements were discussed. K-State President Kirk Schulz discussed Fort Riley and K-State's relationship, including various services K-State offers for military personnel and their family. These include professional development, post-service transition and employment aid.

Representatives from Barton County Community College also spoke of its academic opportunities and support of military schools.

Regional health and behavioral care partnerships were discussed next, followed by benefits of transportation such as having Manhattan Regional Airport nearby for speedy mobilization, as well as employment, housing and recreational opportunities for military members and their families. The listening session concluded with specific members of the public expressing their support for Fort Riley.



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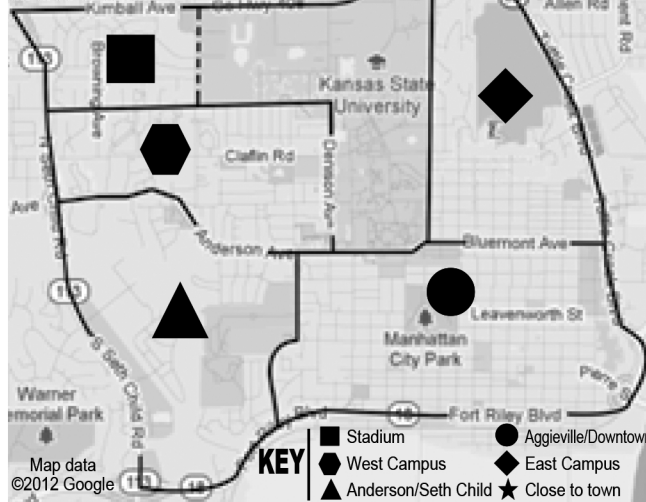
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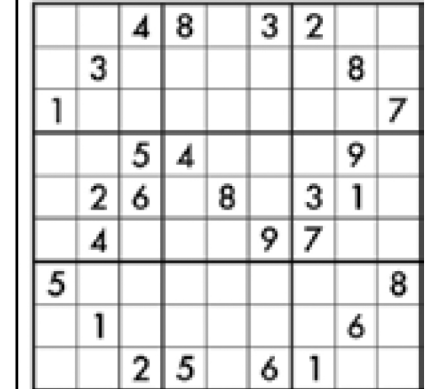
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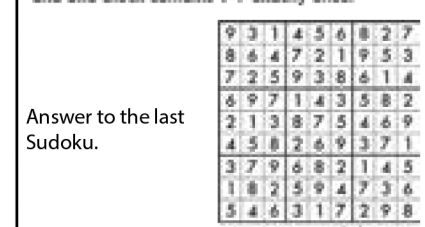
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# Wildcats look to rebuild in 2015-16 season

## BASEBALL

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What a difference a year can make.

This time last year, a Ross Kivett-led K-State baseball team had their sights set high after capturing the program's first Big 12 championship.

But injuries and other factors turned what was supposed to be another dream season into a unmitigated nightmare, as the Wildcats finished dead last in the conference and were forced to part ways with a talented senior core due to graduation.

This season, Big 12 coaches picked the Wildcats to repeat once again — not as Big 12 champions — but as the team to bring up the rear in a competitive conference.

"It's an unfortunate cycle that we just hit," said Brad Hill, K-State head coach, at media day last week. "We lost a lot of people and that just hasn't happened in our program for a long time. It's kind of like starting over ... In the past, we have really relied upon our returning players to grab the guy that is playing next to him or below him, and work with him; help them develop. Now, it's more of we the coaching staff having to really jump in."

K-State welcomes 22 newcomers to an extremely depleted

team that has just three returning position starters.

With so many new faces in the the program, building a team bond was the first priority for senior first baseman Shane Conlon.

"You know, when you have a turnaround like that — when a bunch of guys leave and you have 20-plus new guys — the only place to start is to start building team chemistry," Conlon said. "With 40 people coming in during the fall and no one really knows each other, you have to take a step to do that or else it can turn into situations like those in the past."

Within the group of newcomers, transfer junior shortstop

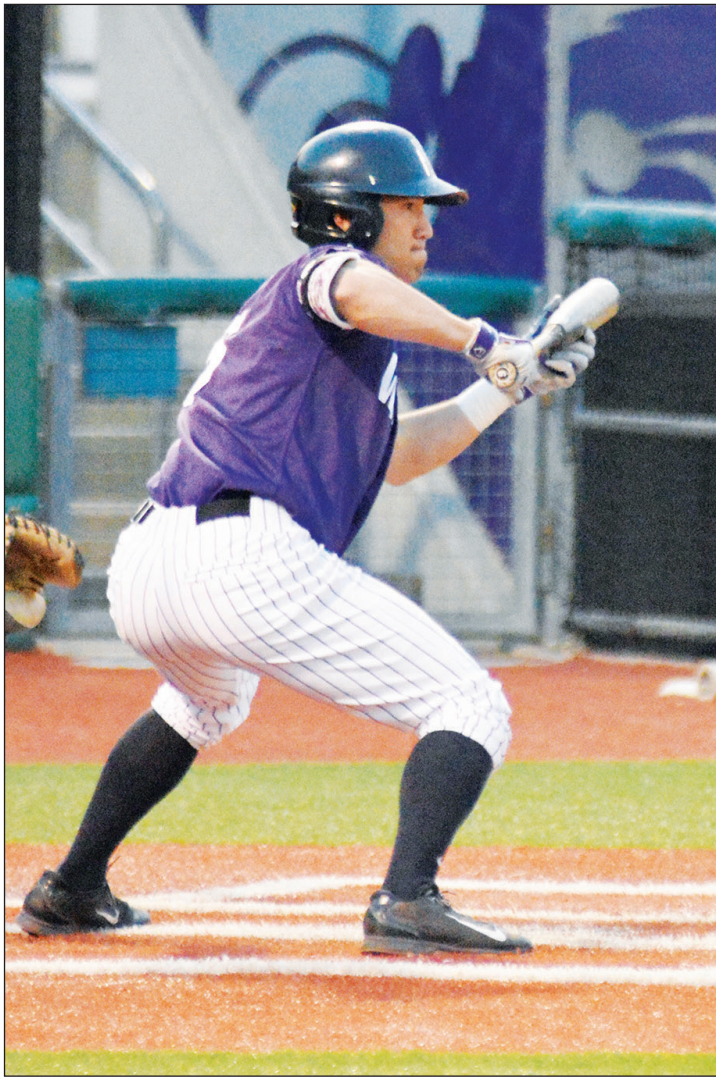
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Tyler Wolfe has made the most impressive impression so far.

"He kind of continues along the line of shortstops that we've had," Hill said. "You know — knock on wood — every shortstop we've had since I've been here has been drafted, and I think he should continue that. He's a



Junior infielder **Carter Yagi** positions the bat for a bunt during the game against Baylor on April 18, 2014 at the Tointon Family Stadium. K-State won the series 2-1.

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plus-defender. He's still working on his swing and trying to develop a swing that's going to give him a little more success. I've been really impressed with him."

The team may be inexperienced, but senior outfielder Max Brown and senior infielder Carter Yagi feel that could benefit K-State in the long run.

"There's definitely a chip on our shoulder, but this year is different because there is a lot of weight lifted off of our shoulders," Yagi said. "Last year, I think we had a hard time dealing with the expectation of what we were supposed to be, instead of just going out there and playing and proving people wrong. I think with the young guys this year, it's nice to not have so much maturity because we can just go out there and play hard and just do what we can do every day."

The season kicks off Friday with the Snowbird Classic in Port Charlotte, Florida. There, the Wildcats will take on the likes of Iowa, Pittsburgh, George Mason and Saint Louis.

"There are no expectations, but obviously we are going to get picked at the bottom of the Big 12, which is fine," Conlon said. "None of that stuff matters. Obviously, we saw that last year when we were picked to win the league again. That stuff doesn't matter; you can't be thinking about that. The main thing is we are not even trying to think about our expectations. We are going to take it one game at a time."

## National Signing Day Q&A with GoPowercat recruiting expert Ryan Wallace

### FOOTBALL

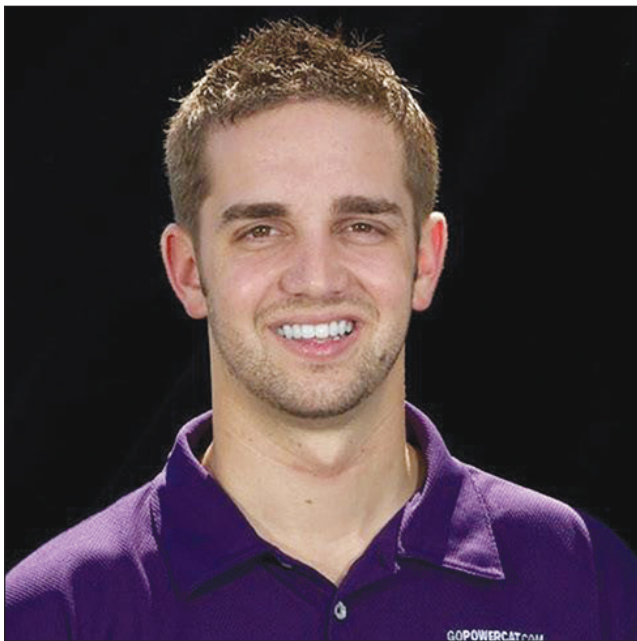
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With another National Signing Day in the books for K-State football, the K-State Collegian sports desk sat down with GoPowercat recruiting reporter Ryan Wallace to discuss the 24 signees and the class overall.

**Collegian: What are your overall thoughts on K-State's 2015 class?**

Ryan Wallace: I applaud Bill Snyder's staff once again for taking initiative early on to land another core group of high school seniors that shaped a second-straight, well defined recruiting class. While this group may not be as naturally gifted as last year's class in some areas, I think statistics show it is actually deeper. In fact, since Bill Snyder's return in 2009, only that 2009 group tops the number of the 2015 class in terms of prospects ranked nationally by Rivals at their individual positions (2009 had eight, 2015 has seven).

**Collegian: A few surprises came out of K-State's National**



RYAN WALLACE

**Signing Day. Which was the biggest surprise for you?**

Wallace: Without a doubt the biggest surprise for 2015 was the final signee to scan through the fax machine, and that was Elijah Sullivan. The highest ranked three-star prospect in the deep state of Georgia, Sullivan caught K-State's attention early on as a teammate of Justin Hughes and Duke Shelley at Tucker High School. Unfortunately though, Sullivan had been committed to Auburn since February 2014, so

any chance of flipping him seemed like a lost cause for K-State and they hardly said more than "Hello." Until, that is, Auburn decided to discuss the idea of only extending Sullivan a grayshirt opportunity, which didn't sit well with he or the Tucker staff.

**Collegian: K-State signed its fewest number of JUCO players (one) since 1992. Any reason for that?**

Wallace: When it comes to the junior college mar-

ket and K-State recruiting, so much has changed since Snyder first began raiding the two-year goldmine. First off, the junior college recruiting scene has become more and more saturated, making it more difficult to recruit players who once upon a time may have only had a handful of schools even notice their abilities.

Second, and probably more importantly, because of this national emphasis on the junior college landscape, it's become increasingly tough to get a proper evaluation on players. We saw last year just how "hit and miss" it's become, as K-State signed 10 junior college players who were supposed to contribute immediately, but only two of which were able to log significant minutes in their first years due to academic troubles and poor conditioning (among other reasons).

**Collegian: Freshman quarterback Alex Delton has been highly touted out of high school. Do you see him potentially giving Joe Hubener and company a run at the starting job?**

Wallace: Having seen Alex Delton in person a few times during his junior and senior year, I think the sky is the limit for him under the

tutelage of Snyder, Del Miller and Dana Dimel. K-State runs a perfect offense for what he does best and that's rolling out of the pocket and making a defense work on the fly. He reminds me a lot of Russell Wilson in the fact that he's not insanely fast but will make you miss, and may not have a cannon arm but is almost always on target. Given the competition returning at quarterback, which includes a guy like Taylor Laird, I personally think it would be wise for K-State to redshirt Delton and I think that's something they would prefer.

However, given Delton's maturity and drive to constantly improve, the staff may be hard pressed not to give him a legit shot with the ones or twos this spring. After all, it's hard to count out a player who takes the initiative to arrive on campus a semester early ready to compete.

**Collegian: Trey Dishon — out of small-town Horton, Kansas — had zero Division 1 offers until K-State**

**came knocking in January. Does his signing really signify what K-State recruiting is all about?**

Wallace: Dishon is exactly the kind of commitment Snyder urges his staff to go out and find. While fans are anxiously awaiting more stars, Snyder is constantly pushing for the exact opposite. Snyder adores players like Dishon who have been overlooked because they often bring greater appreciation to the program for giving them a chance. They want to succeed and prove people wrong, meaning it takes a lot more to bump them off course of achieving their dream. Dishon fits all of the criteria to a tee and is a surprisingly athletic lineman for his size. Recruiting Coordinator Taylor Braet found him and, in due time, will likely be commended big time for uncovering such a talented player because Dishon has the potential to become Travis Britz's immediate successor.

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